



DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AFFAIRS AND CONSUMER PROTECTION
CITY OF CHICAGO

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Mr. Matt Chapman
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Freedom of Information

RE: 19-FR-070

Dear Mr. Chapman,

On behalf of the City of Chicago Department of Business Affairs and Consumer Protection, I am responding to your Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA") request, which was received in our office on January 25, 2019 for the following documents:

"A copy of the following records for all past and current employees and contractors employed by this department. Please provide at least, but not limited to, 5 years worth of records."

Name

Email address

Title

Name of immediate superior

Email address of immediate superior

Direct reports (if applicable).

We have enclosed the documents in the possession of the Department of Business Affairs and Consumer Protection.

The Department of Business Affairs and Consumer Protection is not in possession of any documents that contain all the information that you have requested.

Please note that the Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA") requires the City to produce documents. See 5 ILCS 140/3(a) ("Each public body shall make available to any person for



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inspection or copying all public records, except as otherwise provided in section 7 of this Act.”).
FOIA does not require the public body to provide answers to questions or create documents. In fact, 5 ILCS 140/3.3 provides that FOIA “is not intended to compel public bodies to interpret or advise requesters as to the meaning or significance of the public records.” In Kenyon v. Garrels, 184 Ill. App. 3d 28 (4th Dist. 1989), the Illinois Appellate Court noted that FOIA “does not compel the agency to provide answers to questions posed by the inquirer.”

Sincerely,

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